

## REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Henry J. Norton.

Information: Although a Republican, Applicant earlier this year wrote two Letters To the Editor of the Ventura County Star that were critical of the Ventura County Republican Central Committee. In those letters, which were both published, Applicant criticized the Central Committee for spending its resources to support Republican Assembly member Audra Strickland in her campaign against Republican incumbent Linda Parks in a Ventura County Board of Supervisors election. Applicant complained that the Central Committee should have stayed out of the race entirely or treated both Republican candidates equally. Applicant was a supporter of Ms. Parks, whom he knew from his association with her on the Ventura County Base Closure and Realignment Commission Task Force. Ms. Parks won the election.

Bureau staff contacted Nancy Stehle, the author of one of Applicant's letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be relevant. Ms. Stehle, who has known Applicant since 1969 and worked with him for many years, confirmed the information contained in the letter, stated that Applicant has no biases that would get in the way of looking at things realistically, and noted that he is a very hard worker who is extremely detail oriented.

Recommendation: None.

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations.

Response Date: August 18, 2010.